



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude – *Prelude por organo pleno* (full organ) (J.S. Bach) Ken Mannes
Welcome Malynnda Penner

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship From Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

L: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

L: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

**P: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.**

ALL: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Opening Prayer

* Hymn – *Beautiful Savior* VT #130

Greeting one another

Children’s Story Diane Ellinger

Celebrating our Offerings – Mennonite Church USA

Offertory – *The King of love, my shepherd is* (Healey Willan)

PROCLAIMING

Hearing the Old & New Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20

* Song – *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* VT #138

* Hearing the Gospel Luke 1:68-79

Sermon – “The Supremacy of Christ” Corey Miller

RESPONDING

Hymn – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT #218

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

* Sending Song – *O God beyond All Praising* VT #814

Blessing

Postlude – *Improvised on a hymn*

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:00 a.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

On this last Sunday of the church calendar year, we celebrate Christ as King! At a time when so many things vie for our allegiance, Jesus represents who we want to serve and follow. We welcome you all to this time and place of worship. We are glad you are here with us.

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Church USA**.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

12:30 p.m. – Annual Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Swiss Choral rehearsal at Salem-Zion

THIS WEEK

Nov. 21 (Mon) – Visitation for Anette Eisenbeis family; 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 22 (Tues) – Anette Eisenbeis Memorial at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 22 (Tues) – Combined North and South Men’s Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. at South Church

Nov. 23 (Wed) – Swiss Choral dress rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. at Salem-Zion

Nov. 24 (Thurs) – **Annual Thanksgiving Day Service** at Salem Church at 10:00 a.m. The joint men’s choir will sing and the offering will go for Freeman Network for Justice and Peace.

Nov. 25 (Fri) – Swiss Choral performance at Salem-Zion at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 26 (Sat) – Women’s Saturday Morning Book Study at 9:30 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – Nov. 27

Next Sunday begins the first Sunday of Advent. The theme is “*The Coming Day: Watch, the day is almost here.*” The scripture texts are Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44 and Pastor Corey will be preaching. We will also be collecting items for MCC Hygiene Kits (one adult-sized toothbrush – keep in package).

Next week the offering is for the **Deacon Sharing Fund**.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 27 – Deacon meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 30 – Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. and Children’s Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 1 – Yearbook deadline

Dec. 4 – Christmas Open House at Millers. Nancy and Corey invite everyone to come out for some Christmas goodies at our home from 3:00-5:00pm. There may or may not be live carolers on location, so come and see!

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Anette Eisenbeis died on Friday night, November 11th. Anette's memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:30am at Salem-Zion Mennonite. Visitation with the family will be on Monday evening, November 21 from 5:00-7:00pm at Salem-Zion Mennonite.
- Delano and LaVonne Tieszen recently moved to apartment #9 in Dewald St. Apartments in Freeman.
- Many people from Salem-Zion served with the MCC Meat Canner in Freeman on Monday and Tuesday. Thanks be to God for willing helpers and hands!

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Cody Schrag.
- Our annual business meeting as we celebrate God's faithfulness to us last year and anticipate our new year.
- People who will be having various kinds of surgeries before the end of the year.
- Our college aged students, Josie Epp, Timothy Epp, Kaitlyn Epp as they continue their studies. Josie is a junior at Bethel College, Timothy is in his first year at Mitchell Vo-Tech, and Kaitlyn just started her program at Paul Mitchell school of cosmetology in Kansas City.
- Suzette and Scott Shreffler as Suzette was licensed toward ordination and she and Scott were installed as pastors at White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church, Busby, MT last Sunday. We pray for God's blessing on the ministry that Scott and Suzette and White River Cheyenne Mennonite share.

Spiritual Formation Sheets: If anyone wishes to visit with Pastor Corey about their faith formation, questions they are struggling with, or faith that is growing in joy, you are most welcome to make an appointment and visit him in his office.

Early bulletin deadline: Due to Thanksgiving, the church office will be closed on Thursday and the bulletin will be printed on Wednesday morning. Please submit bulletin announcements by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Everyone is invited to the **Swiss Choral** performance on Friday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Salem-Zion.

Those who attend Salem-Zion are invited to subscribe to *Anabaptist World*. The household treasury pays for a group subscription, and the subscription list is updated each year. Please contact the church office by November 24 if you'd like to be added or removed from the subscription list for 2023, or if you'd like any further information.

The 2021 **Et Cetera Shoppe** financial report is available in the narthex.

Community Connections

As the holidays approach, the **Et Cetera Shoppe** once again would welcome your donations of traditional pfeffernusse (peppernut) cookies made from the recipe of your choice. Every year, the sale of peppernuts at the shop greatly boosts our end-of-year giving to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Making peppernuts can be a fun holiday activity to do with grandchildren, mentees, youth groups, extension clubs, and anyone else – so please consider making a batch and bringing them to the shop any time before Thanksgiving (and after, too)!

Swan Lake Christian Camp 2023 **Winter Retreats** are just around the corner. Make plans now to attend. Dates are as follows: 5th & 6th Grade Retreat January 20-22, Junior High Retreat January 13-15 and Senior High Retreat January 6-8. Sign up online at www.myslcc.com.

The November edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service at <https://conta.cc/3UEteoj>. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; a new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home; and we have information on the upcoming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February.

God's Peace within us: "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath, Christ above me."
- Saint Patrick

Living our Mission: "As followers of Jesus Christ, our purpose is to live and share the good news of Christ's kingdom, welcoming all as we worship, study, fellowship, and serve others together."

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Advent 2022: The Coming Day



Advent is a season of expectant waiting for Christ to come and transform our lives, church, community, and world. We want to provide resources for you to enter more fully into this season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Over the next several weeks, we will have opportunities to celebrate Christ's birth.

1. MCC Hygiene Kits. Every Sunday, we will be collecting items that will provide needed hygiene relief to those struggling with poverty and war. We will collect the following items on these Sundays:

- Nov. 27 – 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- Dec. 4 – 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Dec. 11 – 1 nail clipper (good quality)
- Dec. 18 – 1 hand towel (medium weight, any colors, 16in x 26in)
- Dec. 25 – 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 inches)

Our children will help to collect these items during our regular offertory time as a way of responding to God's generous love to us.

2. Advent at Home 2022 Worship Guide. As a family, you can download, read, and study the special devotionals that Mennonite Education Agency has produced. The worship guide, "Restoration is Near!" is available and the link to this resource is here:

<https://mennoniteusa.org/adventathome>.

3. Women's Saturday Morning Book Study. Polly Waltner and Beth Epp will provide leadership in studying the book, "*Expecting Emmanuel*" by Joanna Harader. The study will begin on November 26th at **9:30am** during Advent with coffee, tea, and breakfast served. All women are invited!

4. Worship, Reading, and Praying.

We encourage vibrant participation in the weekly rhythms of our corporate worship, our scripture readings in the bulletin, and our prayers (Prayerful Pause) during this holy season of waiting, watching, and expecting.